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1. All owners of radio receivers in Poland listen attentively to foreign radio broadcasts in the Polish language, particularly the Radio Free Europe and British Broadcasting Corporation programs which are very popular. In Warsaw, the reception is clearer and easier to pick up late in the evening, especially after midnight when electric current is the strongest and most stable. However, in order to hear these broadcasts the Poles must play their radios softly lest they attract the attention of government informants. 25X1

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3. Contrary to rumors spread abroad to the effect that a high-ranking official of the Ministry of Public Security, Roman Romkowski, would be arrested following liquidation of this ministry, Romkowski is still free. He no longer holds an official position in the Polish Government but walks about Warsaw complaining of a heart ailment. It will be recalled that following Swiatlo's violent denunciation of Romkowski, the latter was dismissed from his post and charged with responsibility for the abuses of the UB (Security Police). 25X1

4. According to current rumors, the struggle among the leaders of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party (PZPR) continues. It is known that Boleslaw Bierut and Jakob Berman are violently opposed by Franciszek Mazur and Edward Ochab. During the Central Committee meeting in January 1955, Jerzy Putrament, now director of the Party's cultural section, joined the opposition led by Mazur and Ochab. 25X1

5. There is, however, a certain perceptible calm in Poland and the attitude of the authorities toward the population has changed visibly. Terror of the police has diminished. Secret arrests ceased several months ago.

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